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Sen. Toy guides students through the legislative process by helping them select state candy bar

LANSING – After a particularly close vote, students from Michigan's 6^{th} Senate District have chosen the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup as Michigan's state candy bar, announced Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Toy led the exercise to illustrate the story of *House Mouse*, *Senate Mouse* and provide students with a hands-on understanding of the legislative process.

"I really enjoy doing this exercise because it gives students an insider's look at the work that goes into making our laws," Toy said. "It's a great experience because it teaches the value of compromise and the importance of making your vote count."

Toy visited schools throughout the district to read *House Mouse, Senate Mouse* during Reading Month. In the book, mice from the House and Senate chambers must decide on a state cheese. Building on the book's theme, Toy had each class divide into two groups, representing the Senate and the House, to select a state candy bar.

At the completion of Reading Month, Toy compiled the results from all the schools she visited and proclaimed the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup the winner, followed closely by the Twix Bar. The Hershey Bar was declared the winner in 2004.

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